

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) An outboard motor position responsive system comprising:

an ignition system;

an outboard motor position sensor in communication with the ignition system;

a microprocessor; and

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an alarm in communication with the microprocessor, wherein the communications are via radio frequency signals,

wherein when an operator attempts to start the ignition system when the outboard motor is tilted up beyond a maximum safe tilt position, the alarm is activated by the microprocessor to warn the operator.

2. (Currently Amended) An outboard motor position responsive system comprising:

an ignition system;

an outboard motor position sensor in communication with the ignition system;

a microprocessor in communication with the outboard motor position sensor and the ignition system; and

an alarm in communication with the microprocessor, wherein the communications are superimposed over existing wiring of a power boat,

wherein when an operator attempts to start the ignition system when the outboard motor is tilted up beyond a maximum safe tilt position, the alarm is activated by the microprocessor to warn the operator.

3. (Currently Amended) An outboard motor position responsive system comprising:

an ignition system;

an outboard motor position sensor in communication with the ignition system;

a microprocessor in communication with the outboard motor position sensor; and

an ignition disabling switch in communication with the microprocessor, wherein the communications are via radio frequency signals

wherein when an operator attempts to start the ignition system when the outboard motor is tilted up beyond a maximum safe tilt position, the ignition disabling switch is activated by the microprocessor to prevent the operator from starting the ignition system.

4. (Currently Amended) An outboard motor position responsive system comprising:

an ignition system;

an outboard motor position sensor in communication with the ignition system;

a microprocessor in communication with the outboard motor position sensor and the ignition system; and

an ignition disabling switch in communication with the microprocessor, wherein the communications are superimposed over existing wiring of a power boat;

wherein when an operator attempts to start the ignition system when the outboard motor is tilted up beyond a maximum safe tilt position, the ignition disabling switch is activated by the microprocessor to prevent the operator from starting the ignition system.

5. (Currently Amended) An outboard motor position responsive system comprising:

an ignition system;

an outboard motor position sensor in communication with the ignition system;

a microprocessor in communication with the outboard motor position sensor; and

a tilt circuit in communication with the microprocessor, wherein the communications are via radio frequency signals,

wherein when an operator attempts to start the ignition system when the outboard motor is tilted up beyond a maximum safe tilt position, the tilt circuit is activated by the microprocessor to automatically lower the outboard motor.

6. (Currently Amended) An outboard motor position responsive system comprising:

an ignition system;

an outboard motor position sensor in communication with the ignition system;

a microprocessor in communication with the outboard motor position sensor and the ignition system; and

a tilt circuit in communication with the microprocessor, wherein the communications are superimposed over existing wiring of a powerboat and through the microprocessor;

wherein when an operator attempts to start the ignition system when the outboard motor is tilted up beyond a maximum safe tilt position, the tilt circuit is activated by the microprocessor to automatically lower the outboard motor.

7. (Currently Amended) An outboard motor position responsive system comprising:

an ignition system;

an outboard motor position sensor in communication with the ignition system; and

a microprocessor; and

an alarm in communication with the outboard motor position sensor, wherein the communications are via infrared signals and through the microprocessor,

wherein when an operator attempts to start the ignition system when the outboard motor is tilted up beyond a maximum safe tilt position, the alarm is activated by the outboard motor position sensor to warn the operator.

8. (Currently Amended) An outboard motor position responsive system comprising:

an ignition system;  
an outboard motor position sensor in communication with the ignition system; and

a microprocessor; and  
an ignition disabling switch in communication with the outboard motor position sensor, wherein the communications are via infrared signals and through the microprocessor,

wherein when an operator attempts to start the ignition system when the outboard motor is tilted up beyond a maximum safe tilt position, the ignition disabling switch is activated by the outboard motor position sensor to prevent the operator from starting the ignition system.

9. (Currently Amended) An outboard motor position responsive system comprising:

an ignition system;  
an outboard motor position sensor in communication with the ignition system; and

a microprocessor; and

a tilt circuit in communication with the outboard motor position sensor,  
wherein the communications are via infrared signals and through the microprocessor,  
wherein when an operator attempts to start the ignition system when the  
outboard motor is tilted up beyond a maximum safe tilt position, the tilt circuit is  
activated by the outboard motor position sensor to automatically lower the outboard  
motor.